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The European Stevia Association  
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studied biology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (K.U.Leuven) and is head of the Laboratory of Functional Biology. His research interest is natural product biochemistry and he has published several papers on plant sterols and steroid hormones. Since 1993, his research has focused on the biosynthesis of sweeteners in Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni, as well as on toxicological studies in animals. He is a fervent advocate of the use of Stevia and its sweeteners as food additives. His hobby is music and he plays the violin in his own folk orchestra "Jan en Alleman". Many of his compositions and CD's have been published by Euprint – Belgium. Together with Johan Buyse he organised the first symposium on the "Safety of Stevioside" at the K.U.Leuven.

is a non-profit organisation. The main aims of this project are the promotion and coordination of all activities focussing on research and health in relation to Stevia rebaudiana and related compounds, to show that they are safe for the human consumption and to place a new application for Stevia rebaudiana as a sweetener against the European Food Safety Authority (Parma, Italy).

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The application for Stevia leaves as Novel Food was handed in to the BfR (Berlin, Germany) on July 2007. Read the summary of this application on the website. On September 26<sup>th</sup> 2007 we sent an application to EFSA for steviol glycosides as food additive. Read the summary of this application on [www.eustas.org](http://www.eustas.org).

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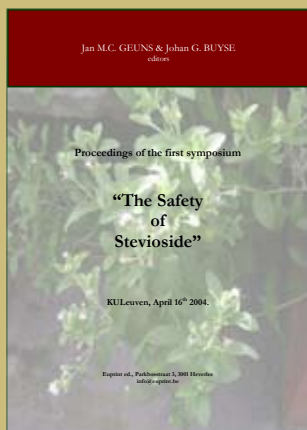
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